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REMARKS

This reply to final is solely for the purpose of putting the case in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-12 are pending. The examiner has allowed claims 11 and 12, and objected to dependent claims 3-5 and 8-10. They could be put in condition for allowance if rewritten to incorporate the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 stand rejected as anticipated by and/or obvious over various pieces of prior art.

Accordingly, applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the substance of claim 2 and objected-to claim 3. Accordingly, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Applicant has also canceled claims 2 and 3. Furthermore, applicant has amended claims 4 and 5 so that they now depend on allowable claim 1. Accordingly, they are allowable as well.

Applicant has also amended independent claim 6 to incorporate the substance of claim 7 and objected-to claim 8, thereby making claim 6 allowable. Applicant has also canceled claims 7 and 8, and amended claims 9 and 10 so that they depend upon allowable claim 6. Accordingly, they are allowable as well.

In summary, applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 6 to make them allowable, thereby making claims 4, 5, 9 and 10 allowable as well. Claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 have been canceled. Since claims 11 and 12 have already been allowed, all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, and applicant respectfully requests expeditious notice thereof.

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Should the examiner have any further questions or require clarification, applicant respectfully requests him to contact the undersigned attorney at the office number below.

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